

Animas Briefing materials

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Carol/Martin, I understand you need some information for Monday's meeting with Helen Hankins. I have attached some briefing material and lengthier background notes and will bring over some maps for Monday. Please call me over if you need more clarification on anything.

I would like to note that the EPA and BLM staff working on the ground in Silverton have built great relationships over the years we have been in the watershed. We communicate very well with each other. In one of Gwen's voice mails, she mentioned a pre-listing MOU at a Montana site. I looked at the options paper Gwen and Richard worked on, but I understood that Russ was editing it and have not seen that version. I do agree with Gwen where she states that, "Site-specific agreements, i.e., MOUs or MOAs, should be used, where appropriate, to document each agency's roles, responsibilities and obligations at mixed ownership sites. If a proposed listing appears likely, such an agreement should be developed early in the process so that the FLMA can collaborate in prelisting activities that may be conducted to reduce the uncertainties and unknowns."



Kay Zillich, the BLM AML lead in Durango and I have spoken and there may be a cart that already has some good wheels on it with regard to a MOU that BLM and EPA staff have drafted already for work that could take place at a mixed ownership site in the Gladstone/upper Cement Creek area we are focusing on. My understanding is that BLM shipped the MOU up the chain, but I believe it stopped somewhere, not sure if at the state or D.C. level office (BLM AML). I can forward a copy of that as well. By the way, Barbara Hite, State office AML lead, was replaced by Brent Lewis this week. He is very familiar with all the issues in Silverton and a great program and technical resource to tap regarding how best to continue having a great relationship and get things done on the ground.

Sincerely,

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